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THE REPLY FILED <u>08 December 2006</u> FAILS TO PLACE THIS	S APPLICATION IN CONDITION F	OR ALLOWANCE.				
1.  The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on this application, applicant must timely file one of the follow places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a No a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance time periods:	ving replies: (1) an amendment, aff tice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in c	fidavit, or other evider compliance with 37 C	nce, which FR 41.31; or (3)			
a) The period for reply expires 7 months from the mailing date	of the final rejection.					
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extender 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b)	tension and the corresponding amount shortened statutory period for reply orig than three months after the mailing da	of the fee. The appropri inally set in the final Offi	ate extension fee ce action; or (2) as			
NOTICE OF APPEAL						
<ol> <li>The Notice of Appeal was filed on <u>08 December 2006</u>. A     of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)     appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply     <u>AMENDMENTS</u></li> </ol>	)), or any extension thereof (37 CFI	R 41.37(e)), to avoid o	dismissal of the			
3. X The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection,	but prior to the date of filing a brief.	will not be entered be	ecause			
(a) They raise new issues that would require further co	nsideration and/or search (see NO	TE below):	00000			
(b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below		, , ,				
(c) They are not deemed to place the application in bet appeal; and/or		ducing or simplifying	the issues for			
(d) They present additional claims without canceling a		ected claims.				
NOTE: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> . (See 37 CFR 1.1						
4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).						
5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):						
<ol> <li>Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be al non-allowable claim(s).</li> </ol>		·	-			
7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided by the new of amended claims.		Il be entered and an e	explanation of			
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: NONE.		•				
Claim(s) allowed: <u>NONE</u> .						
Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-59</u> .						
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: NONE.						
AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE						
<ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, bu because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).</li> </ol>	t before or on the date of filing a No d sufficient reasons why the affiday	otice of Appeal will <u>no</u> vit or other evidence is	t be entered necessary and			
9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to o showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary	vercome all rejections under appea	al and/or appellant fai	Is to provide a			
10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation	•		•			
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER		•				
<ol> <li>The request for reconsideration has been considered bu <u>See Continuation Sheet.</u></li> </ol>	t does NOT place the application in	n condition for allowar	nce because:			
12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).	(PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)					
13. Other:						
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## **Continuation Sheet (PTO-303)**

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Continuation of 3. NOTE: The proposed amendments limiting the lifecycle policies and what types of policies must be included would require further search and consideration of the prior art.

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The arguments filed 12/8/06 are directed to the lifecycle policies as amended the the After Final Amendment. Since, as indicated above, these amendments have not been entered, these arguments are moot in view of the previously pending claims..